

# Grizzly News



## May 2017

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## Administrators' Message

Happy Spring Grizzlies! It's so exciting to see the flowers popping up in the front garden and all the students wearing shorts and rubber boots! Many of our students have been on spring walks around our beautiful school area looking at the buds blooming, listening to the birds chirp and of course ... jumping in the odd puddle! Spring has definitely sprung here at The Grove.

With the excitement of spring comes many opportunities for our students. Recently, students have participated in boys and girls basketball, our fantastic production of Squirm, look alike and Blue Jays spirit days, our clothing swap, youth arts symposium, trips to Georgian Theatre, visits from local veterans in our library and so much more! A special congratulations goes out to our Maple Grove Choir for their first place finish this year at the Barrie Music Festival, a well-deserved award for their countless hours of hard work and dedication. Maple Grove truly is a fantastic place to learn.

Coming in May and June, the list of opportunities continues. Teachers will be practicing Track & Field in gym in preparation for this year's meet; Ultimate Frisbee, soccer, co-ed volleyball and other sporting opportunities will be available, as well as many trips and exciting learning opportunities.

Looking back and looking forward, we want to thank the students and staff who make being a Grizzly something to be proud of. This list of fantastic extra-curricular opportunities barely scratches the surface of the wonderful learning that takes place here each and every day. Our teachers, support staff and student leaders are amongst the best Simcoe County has to offer. Go Grizzlies!

While we continue to focus every day on academics, we also strive to offer things that make school exciting. Experts say that the twenty-first workers will need skills in character, citizenship, collaboration, communication, creativity and critical thinking; all attributes we strive to acquire each and every day here at The Grove.

Please continue to follow us on Twitter for updates and information about the school. Enjoy the warm weather. Go Grizzlies!

Ms. Walsh and Mr. Norris



**Shine green for  
Mental Health Week  
May 1 to 7**

The Canadian Mental Health Association invites us to wear green during Mental Health Week. Be sure to share online with the hashtag #GETLOUD. Going green for mental health is a simple way for all of us to recognize that we must make mental health a priority. Visit [www.greenformentalhealth.ca](http://www.greenformentalhealth.ca) for more information.

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## Science in Action

This past month Mr. Joe Strever, a retired science teacher, has been working with groups of our intermediate students giving them the opportunity to conduct hands-on experiments as they explore properties of fluids. Students have had an opportunity to measure weight in Newtons, and experiment with buoyancy and mass displacement. Some students have also had the opportunity to work with Mrs. Pigden and construct grippers using hydraulic force. We would like to thank Mr. Strever for giving up his time to work with us and share his wealth of expert knowledge.



## Math Question:

What is the length of the diagonal line in the picture below? The distance from the midpoint to the base of the triangle is 9cm. The distance from the base of the triangle to the edge of the circle is 4cm. Think about how you solved it and see if you can come up with a different method. (Answer in next month's newsletter.)

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## Choir wins GOLD at the Barrie Music Festival

Our Maple Grove School choir recently competed at the Barrie Music Festival and came home with a first place medal. The adjudicator recognized the choir for their bright tone, musicality, energy and choreography. The choir also participated in a mass choral workshop with other schools singing 'ONE VOICE' by the Wailin' Jennys. This performance was recorded and will be presented at an upcoming City of Barrie council meeting in recognition of Canada's 150th anniversary. Maple Grove choir... you made us all grizzly proud!

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## Canada Games Activity Challenge

Congratulations to Ms. Oxley's Grade 4 class on winning a cheer package for their participation in the Canada Games Activity Challenge! One class from each province was selected to win a prize pack for completing daily physical activities that are designed to help students build fundamental movement skills and confidence, which prepares them for a lifetime of participation in activity, recreation and sport. This is a nationwide program that has been created to celebrate Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary and the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Canada Games. We are very proud of the students' efforts to stay active as they participate in the daily activity challenges!



## Music Monday

Music Monday is an annual event that celebrates the importance of Music Education in Canada. Maple Grove will join students across Canada as they stand and sing a common song at 1pm on Monday May 1st. This year's song is a new song called ***Sing it Together*** written by Marc Jordan and Ian Thomas. Your child is learning this song at school. Please go onto the Music Monday website to learn more about it or listen to the song . <http://www.musicmonday.ca>

## WANTED: Frozen Juice Lids

Mrs. Read and Mrs. Morrow's class are asking families to save frozen juice lids for the month of May. Please help us by collecting your frozen juice lids and bringing them to room 102 instead of tossing them in the trash or recycling. Thank you!



## Lost and Found - Last Call!!

On Friday May 12th, our school lost and found will be cleaned out and donated to the Kidney Foundation. We have a number items such as; mitts/gloves, sweaters, boot/shoes, shirts, pants, jackets and much more, that have built up since

Christmas break. If you have noticed your child is missing any of these items, stop by and check out the bursting lost and found before its too late.

## Crayola Colour-Cycle

I'm excited to tell you about a very special program I'm coordinating at our school in conjunction with Crayola. It's called Crayola ColorCycle – an amazing new program devised to turn used markers into energy!



All around Maple Grove students and teachers will be collecting used markers that are ready to be discarded. The markers will be sent to a facility where they will be converted into clean fuel.

This fuel can be used to power vehicles, heat homes, cook meals and more!

Please help support our efforts by sending your kids in with any used markers you may have around the house – even non-Crayola brands. Drop-off boxes will be located around the school for your child to deposit the markers.

Thank you in advance for participating! With the help of parents like you across the country, the Crayola ColorCycle program can keep tons of plastic out of landfills each year.

Remember, don't throw out that used marker—*ColorCycle it!*

If you have any questions please ask Mrs. Astin

## Water Bottles for Sale

Get your Grizzly water bottle while they last! For only \$4.00 you too could own this awesome water bottle and stay hydrated. At Maple Grove we have our own water bottle filling station. Hurry while supplies last. Come see Mrs. Read for yours!



## Mabel Labels

Maple Grove Public School has joined up with Mabel's Labels to earn funds to fundraise for our school. Spring is here and now is a great time to purchase durable, waterproof labels from Mabel's Labels and support our school! Simply place your order at [campaigns.mabelslabels.com](http://campaigns.mabelslabels.com) and select "Maple Grove Public School (Barrie)" from the School/Organization drop-down list. You'll know you're crediting your order to us when our school name is displayed on the top left of the screen.

Thank you in advance for assisting us with our fundraising efforts! Enjoy your labels!

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask Mrs. Read.



## Upcoming Events

**May 1st** - Musical Monday

**May 2nd** - Mrs. McDonough's class walk to Zehrs

**May 4th** - Mrs. McDonough's, Mrs. Greenwood's and Mr. Hutchins classes will be going to share some music with the seniors at Grove Park Home.

**May 8th** - Neon Spirit Day

**May 10th** - Yearbook Orders due

**May 10th** - Grade 3 students trip to Simcoe County Museum

**May 11th** - Arts Coffee House 6:30 -7:30 pm

**May 14th** - Mothers Day

**May 15th** - Track and Field for Grades 4-8 at Eastview Secondary (**Rain Date Thursday, May 18th**)

**May 15th-17th** - Dental Screening

**May 16th** - Patroller 'Thank you' trip to Blue Jays Game

**May 17th** - Grade 7 students to the Tiffin Centre

**May 18th** - Welcome to Kindergarten 4:30 - 6pm

**May 19th** - PA Day

**May 22nd** - Victoria Day No School

**May 23rd - May 25th** - Grade 7 & 8 trip to Camp Wahanowin

**May 23th - June 5th** - EQAO for Grade 3 and 6 students

**May 26th** - Grade 8 Play Day at Eastview

**May 31st** - Future Career Spirit Day

**June 5th** - Parent Council Meeting @ 6pm

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Welcome to  
**Kindergarten!**

Children entering school for the first time in September 2017 are invited to come to Maple Grove for our annual Welcome to Kindergarten event. This year Welcome to Kindergarten will be held on Thursday, May 18 from 4:30-6:00pm. Please RSVP with Mrs. Dickson in the office to confirm your child is registered. Please remind any neighbours with children born in 2013, to register ASAP so they will not miss out on this important event in transitioning to school.

## **ARTS Coffee House**

Maple Grove Parents and community members are invited to attend our second annual Coffee House on Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. Students who have participated in various Performing ARTS clubs this year will showcase their talents in a Coffee House style performance. Come out and show your support for the ARTS at Maple Grove. Enjoy a hot beverage and dessert while celebrating the hard work and success of our Dance Club, Glee Club and School Choir.

# S.C.D.S.B News

## Stay safe in the sun

It only takes one bad sunburn in childhood to increase the risk of developing skin cancer later in life. As the weather gets warmer, follow these sun safety tips to keep you and your family safe:

- use a broad spectrum sunscreen with SPF 15 or higher and SPF 15 lip balm
  - apply sunscreen 20-30 minutes before going outside (even on cloudy days) and always follow the label instructions
  - apply sunscreen to any exposed areas of skin – nose, ears, back of neck, tops of feet, etc.
  - reapply sunscreen every 2-3 hours and after sweating or swimming
  - wear loose, long sleeved shirts and pants, a large-brimmed hat and sunglasses
  - if possible, avoid being in the sun between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- when you're outside, look for shade  
For more sun safety tips, visit [www.simcoemuskokahealth.org](http://www.simcoemuskokahealth.org) or call Health Connection at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520 to speak with a public health nurse.

*Information provided by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit*

## Immunization reminder

By law, all students need to have an up-to-date immunization record on file at the health unit. Since starting Kindergarten, your child may have received new immunizations. A reminder – you must send your child's updated immunization records to the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit for:

- Tetanus, Diphtheria, Polio, and Pertussis
- Measles, Mumps, and Rubella
- Two-doses of a Chickenpox (Varicella) containing vaccine

If your child will not be getting these vaccines, you will need to give the health unit a valid exemption (medical or affidavit). If the health unit does not have an updated record, students could be temporarily

suspended from school. Follow these steps to help us:

1. Check your child's yellow immunization card
2. Contact your health care provider to obtain records, or to get missing vaccinations

Share the complete record with us at [www.smdhu.org/immsonline](http://www.smdhu.org/immsonline) or fax the record to the health unit at 705-726-3962

Questions? Contact Health Connection at 705-721-7520 or toll-free at 1-877-721-7520.

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## Summer camp can be an important part of your child's growth and development

To many people, summer camp for kids might appear like nothing more than fun and games. However, a study conducted by the University of Waterloo supports what camp directors have been saying for decades – camp is a setting for positive youth development where invaluable life skills are acquired and nurtured. Youth development experts agree that children need a variety of experiences in their lives to help them grow into healthy adolescents and adults. Here are five critical life skills that are fostered at summer camp:

**1. Getting along with others** – Talk to any camp alumni and you'll likely hear how some of their most meaningful friendships and lessons on how to get along with others came from camp.

**2. Overcoming challenges** – According to the ParticipACTION Report Card, over-supervising kids or keeping them indoors to ensure they are safe limits their opportunities for physical activity. Camp provides a safe environment, allowing children to freely learn how to overcome challenges and develop and grow their capabilities.

**3. Getting active** – A recent Statistics Canada study found that only seven per cent of youth aged six to 19 got the recommended hour a day of exercise they need. Summer camp is a great way for kids to stay active all summer and ensure they are surrounded with great role models and supportive friends.

**4. Unplugging** – We know that when children are connected with their environment, they are healthier and happier. Summer camp provides kids with the opportunity to "unplug" and help them build social skills while enjoying all the activities of the great outdoors.

**5. Leadership** – When it comes to developing strong leaders, camp provides both implicit and explicit training including morals, ethics, problem solving, teamwork and life skills.

To learn more about the YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka summer camps, visit [www.ymcasummercamp.ca](http://www.ymcasummercamp.ca).

*Information provided by the YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka*  
([www.ymcaofsimcoemuskoka.ca](http://www.ymcaofsimcoemuskoka.ca))

## Summer childcare available at select SCDSB schools

In partnership with community child care operators, we are pleased to support your child care needs, offering full-day child care programs for children (aged JK to 12 years) in select schools across Simcoe County this summer. Registration in advance is required. Please contact the child care operator directly to register. A fee subsidy may be available to families who qualify. For more information, please contact YMCA Child Care at 705-726-6421 ext. 250. For the full listing of childcare centres in the SCDSB, visit [www.scdsb.on.ca](http://www.scdsb.on.ca) and click on 'Schools' and then 'Before & After School Care.'